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SUBJECT: VISIT TO CALCUTTA OF BANGLADESH STUDY TEAM

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO DACCA FROM CALCUTTA  
MAY 07 IS REPEATED

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SUBJ: VISIT TO CALCUTTA OF BANGLADESH STUDY TEAM

1. CALCUTTA PAPERS MAY 7 REPORT ARRIVAL IN CALCUTTA PREVIOUS DAY OF EIGHT MAN BANGLADESH TEAM HEADED BY S.M. ABBAS, ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT OF BANGLADESH ON FLOOD CONTROL, IRRIGATION, AND POWER, TO STUDY EFFECT OF INDIA'S FARAKKA WITHDRAWALS ON THE HOOGHLY CHANNEL AND CALCUTTA PORT. ARRIVAL OF BANGLADESH TEAM IS THE LEAD NEWS ITEM IN MOST CALCUTTA PAPERS, AND THE MAJOR ONES CARRY LARGE PICTURE OF TEAM MEMBERS ON FRONT PAGE.

2. PAPERS SAY BANGLADESH AND GOI TEAMS (LATTER HEADED BY C.C. PATEL, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION) HELD AN INITIAL MEETING AT CALCUTTA PORT TRUST OFFICES MAY 6 FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR. GOI SPOKESMAN SAID THE  
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TWO TEAMS WOULD GO FROM CALCUTTA TO HALDIA BY BOAT MAY 7

TO INSPECT RIVER CONDITIONS AND PORT FACILITIES AND WOULD  
VISIT FARAKKA AREA ON MAY 8. TALKS ARE TO CONTINUE THROUGH  
MAY 10 AND BANGLADESH TEAM IS TO RETURN TO DACCA MAY 11.

3. PAPERS REPORT ABBAS TOLD REPORTERS ON HIS ARRIVAL AT  
DUM DUM AIRPORT THAT BANGLADESH WANTS "AN EARLY SETTLEMENT  
OF THE ALLOCATION OF GANGA WATERS" AND QUOTE HIM AS ADDING  
(APPARENTLY NOT VERY HOPEFULLY) THAT "DISCUSSIONS ARE  
ALWAYS OF SOME BENEFIT EVEN IF WE CANNOT AGREE." ABBAS  
DENIED THAT BANGLADESH PRESS IS HOSTILE TO INDIA; IT HAD  
MERELY HIGHLIGHTED ADVERSE EFFECTS OF INDIA'S GANGES WATER  
WITHDRAWAL AND CALLED FOR PROPER ALLOCATION THROUGHOUT THE  
YEAR. SIGNED KORN

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